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TO: Minerals File

FROM: Tom Munson, Reclamation Hydrologist *Tm*

RE: Permit Transfer, Todd Harris/Robert Drachuk, State Mineral Lease # 42750 and # 42750-A, M/027/014 & S/027/070, Millard County, Utah

Date of Inspection: 3/12/98

Participants: Todd Harris; Tom Munson, DOGM

Purpose of Inspection: To inspect the mine property to determine what portion of Robert Drachuk's property, Todd Harris was taking over. The inspection was also to determine if Todd Harris's property was clearly marked on the ground.

A transfer request was received in our office on October 2, 1997 signed by Robert Drachuk and Todd Harris. Since Todd Harris was taking over a portion of the property that Robert Drachuk had under a Small Mine permit with the Division, the following items needed to be addressed.

1. Was SITLA (School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration) okay with the lease assignment? This lease assignment was granted on February 19, 1997 by SITLA to Mr. Todd Harris and is listed as lease #ML 42750-A. This is not a sublease but a new lease or lease reassignment for the 40 acres contained in SE 1/4 of NE 1/4 of Section 2, T17S, R13W. Mr. Drachuk's State Lease remains as #ML 42750 and is now 80 acres contained within SW 1/4 of NE 1/4 and the NW 1/4 of SE 1/4 of Section 2, T17S, R13W.
2. A new small mine permit was completed by Mr. Todd Harris and Mr. Marlow Cropper on June 3, 1998; therefore, a large lapse in time between the time when the transfer was signed and the time when the SMO was received. This was partly related to the fact that the Division requested both parties sign the SMO. The Division had to return the SMO form to Todd Harris to get Marlow Cropper's signature.
3. The map submitted clearly shows the two lease areas. A site inspection was performed on 3/12/98 to verify if this lease division could be seen in the field. Todd Harris's lease area was professionally surveyed and the stakes clearly showed his state lease boundary. Therefore, there is no gray area of reclamation liability and responsibility between the two leases.

I recommend the transfer go forward.

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